Be the Ultimate Party Guest

- Treat your hosts, their guests, their home, and their neighbors with respect. Talk softly while walking through the neighborhood.
- Offer to be the designated driver, and drink only non-alcoholic beverages the whole night.
- Don’t forget to eat something before going out.
- Leave your valuables at home. Carry only your I.D. and money you will need that evening.
- Park legally. Follow odd/even parking and do not block driveways, park on yards or across sidewalks.
- BE INVITED! “Open house” parties are the most dangerous. Don’t show up anywhere without an invite.
- Call a cab. The legal limit for driving in New York is a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content (BAC), but you can get a ticket for driving with a BAC of 0.05 percent; and any amount of drinking will affect your judgment and coordination.
- If the police arrive, be respectful and cooperative. They won’t ask twice!
- Don’t mix drugs with alcohol. Even over-the-counter and prescription drugs can be dangerous when combined with alcohol.

If you would like more information about living off campus or to learn about opportunities to connect with greater Syracuse community contact:

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Did You Know?

1) If you are cited by the police for possessing a fake ID, your case will be processed through the criminal court system AND the University Judicial System.

2) Being caught with an open container of alcohol on public property will result in a ticket from the police and a sanction from the Office of Judicial Affairs.

3) An arrest for driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated may result in your suspension from Syracuse University for a minimum of one semester.

The Neighborhood

Explore the local area and learn what Syracuse offers. The neighborhood is an exciting area with many opportunities and much diversity.

Know the Law... Understand Local Ordinances

As a member of the off-campus community, each student must share in the responsibility of keeping the neighborhood clean, safe, and peaceful. Everyone is subject to local, state, and federal laws. The following city ordinances are stringently enforced in the off-campus neighborhood, and it is very important to abide by them.

Street Signs
The possession of a stolen street sign can result in a ticket for criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, class A misdemeanor. A person is guilty of criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree when he knowingly possesses stolen property, with intent to benefit himself or a person other than an owner thereof.

Open Containers
Open containers of alcoholic beverages on city streets and sidewalks are prohibited. All alcohol must be in the manufacturer’s sealed container.

Littering and Dumping
Littering or dumping on any public property, public right-of-way, or private property is prohibited. The ordinance defines littering as the discarding of a single item of waste onto the ground by a person.

Noise
Excessive or unnecessary noise that can be heard across property lines is prohibited; this includes noise between apartments in the same building, such as playing a radio, stereo, television, musical instrument, or any other device in such a manner that its sound crosses property lines.

Nuisance Party
A nuisance party is a party in which any of the following behaviors are observed: disorderly conduct; open container; outdoor urination or defecation; unlawful sale, furnishing, dispensing, or consumption of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance; littering; illegal parking or loud noise. Upon observation of a nuisance party, the Syracuse Police Department may approach the premises and disband the party, in which case all non-residents must leave the premises.

Parking
Parking on front lawns and parking across sidewalks is illegal and a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Odd-even parking starts at 6 p.m. on odd dates on the odd-number address side, and 6 p.m. on even dates on the even-number address side of the street.

Be Safe on the Street

- Avoid walking alone; stay in groups of three or more if possible.
- Use well-lit and well-traveled routes, away from alleys, entries, and bushes. Avoid parks, vacant lots, and other deserted places.
- Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return.
- Always know where you are and where you can find help if needed.
- If you think someone is following you, change directions several times. Go to a public place or a police station. Do not go home.
- Dress sensibly. Do not flaunt expensive jewelry.
- Carry purses or handbags close to your body.
- Stay sober and coherent. Persons under the influence are more likely to be victims of serious crimes or accidents.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid talking on your phone and listening to your iPod.

Here to There?

Check out heretothere.syr.edu for information on transportation in and around Syracuse.